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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

International search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 International preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements* of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

Description, Pages

1-20 . as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
- 3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
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 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference has been made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-4 600 766 (MASUDA ISAO ET AL) 15 July 1986 (1986-07-15)

D2: DE 197 53 456 A (ESPE DENTAL AG) 10 June 1999 (1999-06-10)

I) Novelty [Article 33(1) and (2) PCT]

1.

D1 discloses a composition of a catalyst paste.

Polyether polyols such as polypropylene glycols or mixed polyetherols with tetrahydrofuran and/or ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide units, polyester polyols such as polycaprolactone diols and polycaprolactone triols, polycarbonate diols, aliphatic esters, oils, fats, waxes, aliphatic hydrocarbons, aliphatic hydrocarbons and mono- or multifunctional esters of polyvalent acids such as phthalic acid or citric acid or esters or amides of alkylsulphonic acid and arylsulphonic acids are used as inert diluent (see p.3, paragr.34)

The composition is used for dental impression material for two-component formulations on the basis of aziridino group containing polyethers. The setting time achieved is between 2 and 4 minutes.

D1 does not disclose mono-N-alkyl-/ mono-N-aryl sulfonic acid amides . The general disclosure of amides of alkylsulfonic acids and arylsulfonic acids in D1 cannot be novelty destroying for the special sulfonamides of the present application.

Therefore the subject-matter of present claims 1-14 namely the dental composition, a kit comprising said composition, the method and the use of said composition has been considered as novel in the sense of Article 54 EPC.

II) Inventive step [Article 33(1) and (3) PCT]

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D1 has been considered as the closest prior art disclosing a composition of a catalyst paste.

3.

The difference between the state of the art, D1 and the subject-matter of the present invention is the fact, that D1 does not explicitly mention the use of primary and secondary sulfonic acid amides, having the structural element $\text{SO}_2\text{-NH-}$, as a functional group of component B in the dental composition.

4.

The objective problem of the present invention to be solved is the provision of a dental composition with a shortened working time.

5.

The solution given by the applicant is a dental composition with the features specified in claims 1, namely :

- a N-alkyl aziridine polyether as component A
- a $\text{SO}_2\text{-NH}$ group containing component B, comprising aryl sulfonic acid amides and/or alkyl sulfonic acid amides
- an initiator C, which starts the curing process

The solution provided by the present application is also provided by the kit comprising said composition.

6.

The effect of using only primary and secondary sulfonic acid amides results in the improved properties of accelerated speed of cure compared to dental compositions for cure comprising N,N-substituted sulfonic acid amides having the structural element $\text{SO}_2\text{-NR}_2$. (with R≠H)

7.

The solution to this problem is not obvious for a person skilled in the art with regard to D1. D1 does neither suggest or anticipate using specific sulfonic acid amides in order to achieve speed cure.

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Furthermore D1 disregards the N-substituted sulfonic acid amides and considers them as "inert diluents". (see D1, paragr. 34)

Therefore the subject-matter of claims 1-14, respectively the dental composition, the kit therefore, the method and the use has been considered as involving an inventive step.

Claims:**1. Dental composition comprising with respect to the cured composition**

5 N-alkyl aziridine polyether as component A,
 SO₂-NH group containing component B <->, *c/f originally filed claim 4.*
 initiator C, *being able to start the curing process*
 optionally additives D comprising modifiers, fillers, dyes, pigments, thixotropic
 agents, flow improvers, polymeric thickeners, surfactants, odorous
 10 substances, diluting agent(s) and flavourings.

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein component A comprises a structure element represented by the following formula

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R represents H, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₂-C₁₂ alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂ alkinyl, C₇-C₁₅ alkylaryl, C₇-C₁₅ arylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, and wherein hydrogen atoms may be replaced by Cl or F and/or wherein up to five carbon atoms may be replaced by atoms or group of atoms selected from O, CO, N, S,

20 E represents a C₁ - C₁₈ branched or unbranched hydrocarbon chain wherein up to five carbon atoms may be replaced by atoms or group of atoms selected from O, CO, N, S,

G represents a group selected from C(O)O, C(O)NR, C(O), C(O)C(O), C(O)(CH₂)_mC(O) with m = 1 to 10, C(S)NR, CH₂,

25 L represents O, S, NR with x = 0 or 1.

3. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims comprising component B in an amount of about 0,01 % by weight to about 20,00 % by weight.

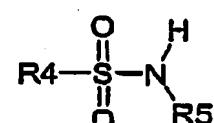
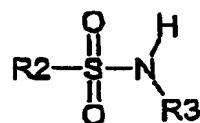
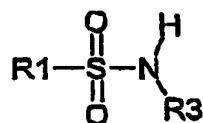
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4. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein component B (comprised of aryl sulfonic acid amides and/or alkyl sulfonic acid amides)

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4. 5. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein component B comprises N-alkyl or N-aryl substituted aryl sulfonic acid amides and/or N-alkyl or N-aryl substituted alkyl sulfonic acid amides.

10 5. 8. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein component B is represented by at least one of the following formulas:



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wherein

R1 represents C₁-C₂₂ alkyl, C₂-C₂₂ alkenyl, C₂-C₂₂ alkinyl, C₇-C₂₂ arylalkyl or C₃-C₂₂ cycloalkyl, and wherein one or more hydrogen atoms may be replaced by Cl or F and/or up to five carbon atoms may be replaced by atoms or group of atoms selected from O, CO, N, S,

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R2 represents C₆-C₁₈ aryl, C₇-C₂₂ alkylaryl, C₂-C₂₂ cycloalkylaryl, C₇-C₂₂ alkenylaryl or C₇-C₂₂ alkinylaryl, wherein one or more hydrogen atoms may be replaced by Cl or F and/or up to five carbon atoms may be replaced by atoms or group of atoms selected from O, CO, N, S,

R3 represents H, R1 or R2.

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R4 is R1 or R2,

and R5 represents the chemical linkage to a polymer.

6 ~~7~~. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the molecular weight of component B is in the range of 90 to 2000 g/mol¹.

7 ~~8~~. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein component B comprises benzene sulfonic acid N-butyl amide or p-toluene sulfonic acid N-ethyl amide, o-toluene sulfonic acid N-ethyl amide, benzene sulfonic acid amide or a mixture of o-/p- toluene sulfonic acid N-ethyl amide.

8 ~~9~~. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein initiator C is selected from the group of protonating or alkylating agents or wherein the initiator C generates protons and/or reactive alkylating agents in a chemical reaction.

9 ~~10~~. The composition according to anyone of the preceding claims having a working time at 23 °C of equal or less than 3:30 min according to DIN EN ISO 4823:2000 and/or an oral setting time of equal or less than 3:30 min .

10 ~~11~~. Kit of parts, comprising a base and a catalyst part, wherein the base part comprises component A, the catalyst part comprises component C, and wherein component B is present either in the base part or the catalyst part or in the base part and the catalyst part, wherein components A, B and C have the meaning as defined in the preceding claims.

11 ~~12~~. Kit of parts, wherein the base part comprises component A, the catalyst part comprises component C, and wherein component B is comprised in a further part and neither comprised in the catalyst part nor in the base part, wherein components A, B and C have the meaning as defined in the preceding claims.

12 ~~13~~. Method of producing a dental composition according to one of the claims 1 to ⁹ 10 comprising the steps a) providing components A, B and C, b) mixing the components.

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13 14. Use of a component B containing composition for enhancing the speed of set of a component A and C containing dental composition, wherein components A, B and C have the meaning as defined in the preceding claims.

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14 15. Use of the composition according to anyone of claims 1 to 9 or the kit of parts according to claim 10 or 11 for modeling of objects or body parts, preferably as dental impression, bite registration or dental dubllicating material.

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